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Groups rally to fight Ohio senator's rival redistricting plan (Associated Press, 1/24/2018)

Lawyers to Ohio court: Juries, not judges, should impose death sentences (Associated Press, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers ax money proposed for film campus, Wasson Way in list to GOP leaders (Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/24/2018)

'Right to work' could be on the ballot in Ohio with support from lawmakers (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Ohio among northern states to lose another U.S. House seat after next census - Out of Line: Impact 2017 and Beyond (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Should ECOT founder pay money back faster? State Auditor Dave Yost says yes while school floats new plan (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Columbus lawmaker's proposal would allow physician-assisted suicide in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Democrats tussle over ECOT campaign money, but GOP got far more (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Ex-Tiberi aide to join DeWine's staff (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers take baby steps toward redistricting compromise (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Portman says killing NAFTA would be mistake (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

Right-to-work would help Ohio workers, GOP lawmakers say (Columbus Dispatch, 1/24/2018)

'On its last legs': Why election boards are seeking new voting machines (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Doctor-assisted suicide bill coming to Ohio Statehouse (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Ohio looking to change bail system, focusing less on money (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Portman warns Trump: killing NAFTA will kill jobs in Ohio (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

State considers punishing cities that use traffic, red-light cameras (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Thousands head back to work at Wright-Patt as shutdown ends (Dayton Daily News, 1/24/2018)

Lawmakers argue ECOT closing preventable (Toledo Blade, 1/24/2018)

EDITORIALS

A fleeting moment of compromise ends the government shutdown despite "No" votes from three Ohio Democrats: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/24/2018)

Scientists leading algae fight (Toledo Blade, 1/24/2018)

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STATE MIGHT SEEK \$19M MORE BACK FROM CLOSED CHARTER E-SCHOOL

The giant Ohio online charter school that abruptly closed mid-school-year lost another round of its multifaceted battle with the state over funding but said Tuesday that it's still fighting to reopen, even as many of its 12,000 students are looking for new schools.

LAWYERS: JURIES, NOT JUDGES, SHOULD IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES

Ohio's capital punishment law is unconstitutional because judges, not juries, impose death sentences in contrast to the 6th Amendment right to a jury trial, lawyers for a convicted killer argued before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

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DEMOCRATS TUSSLE OVER ECOT CAMPAIGN MONEY, BUT GOP GOT FAR MORE

As Ohio's big bet on a big online charter school fizzles, candidates are pointing fingers over the \$2.1 million in campaign money the school's operator has doled out during the past two decades.

COLUMBUS LAWMAKER'S PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN OHIO

Lisa Vigil Schattinger wants terminally ill Ohioans to have the option chosen by her stepfather, who said his piece and then made peace with impending death from bone marrow cancer.

GOP LAWMAKERS, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, DEFEND ECOT; STATE SAYS SCHOOL PRIORITIZED PROFIT

Arguing that that Gov. John Kasich and the Ohio Department of Education should have kept ECOT open through the end of the school year, a handful of Republican lawmakers Tuesday defended the school and urged changes to stop a future shutdown in the middle of the school year.

RIGHT-TO-WORK WOULD HELP OHIO WORKERS, GOP LAWMAKERS SAY

A pair of Republican lawmakers said their proposal to put six right-to-work amendments on the 2020 ballot would help Ohio workers.

LAWMAKERS TAKE BABY STEPS TOWARD REDISTRICTING COMPROMISE

A whiff of progress on congressional redistricting could be permeating the Statehouse.

O'NEILL TELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VET HIM AFTER PAYING OFF TAX LIENS

Gubernatorial candidate William M. O'Neill is asking the Ohio Democratic Party to vet him after paying \$4,361 in past-due state income taxes.

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Shuttered online giant ECOT is not giving up efforts to keep the school open through the end of the school year.

EX-TIBERI AIDE TO JOIN DEWINE'S STAFF

Breann Gonzalez, a longtime aide to Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Genoa Township, is joining the staff of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.

EDITORIAL: OHIOANS WANT REAL REDISTRICTING REFORM

Ohio House Republicans' proposed congressional boundary-drawing "reform" is a cynical exercise in damage control.

Dayton Daily News

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MIAMI TWP. TRUSTEE: STATE WAGE LAW 'DISCRIMINATORY,' WASTING MILLIONS

A Miami Twp. trustee is asking the state to pay for the costs of what he called an unfunded mandate that is "most discriminatory" and that he said wastes millions of dollars across Ohio.

DOCTOR-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL COMING TO OHIO STATEHOUSE

Nearly three decades after Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian pushed doctor-assisted suicide into the national spotlight, state Sen. Charleta Tavares says it's time that Ohio legalize the practice with strict safeguards in place.

ECOT APPEALS IN FIGHT TO STAY OPEN; EMAILS SHOW STATE FIGHT

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow on Tuesday announced it is appealing the decision of its sponsor, the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, to close the embattled online school.

OHIO LOOKING TO CHANGE BAIL SYSTEM, FOCUSING LESS ON MONEY

The ACLU of Ohio says a plan to shift courts away from using cash-bail systems is a good start but doesn't go far enough to fix the broken system.

'ON ITS LAST LEGS': WHY ELECTION BOARDS ARE SEEKING NEW VOTING MACHINES

Voting equipment in many Ohio counties, including Butler County, is becoming obsolete as replacement parts are more difficult to obtain and software continues to age.

THE PLAIN DEALER

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ECOT founder William Lager and two companies he owns have paid more than \$5 million back toward the \$80 million enrollment and state aid fight the online charter school is having with the state.

OHIO AMONG NORTHERN STATES TO LOSE ANOTHER U.S. HOUSE SEAT AFTER NEXT CENSUS - OUT OF LINE: IMPACT 2017 AND BEYOND

Ohio is on target to lose another congressional seat after the 2020 census, making it even more important that the state gets it right in deciding how to reform the way its congressional districts are drawn.

THE ENQUIRER

IN OHIO, NO ONE WANTS GOV. JOHN KASICH'S ENDORSEMENT - INCLUDING HIS FORMER RUNNING MATE WHO HAS IT

In the Republican primary for Ohio governor, no one apparently wants Gov. John Kasich's endorsement - including the candidate who has it.

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LAWMAKERS ARGUE ECOT CLOSING PREVENTABLE

The Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West board voted Tuesday night to accept a court-supervised master to oversee the winding down of the defunct Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow.

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9:45 a.m. – Congressional redistricting overhaul hearing: The Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee will consider Senate Joint Resolution 5. *Finance Hearing Room, Senate Building.*

10 a.m. – Ohio Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education meeting. *17th floor, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St.*

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Reps. Ryan Smith and Dave Greenspan fundraiser: Cost ranges from \$500 to \$5,000. *Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.*

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The lawmakers will discuss legislation they believe will expand access to affordable prescription drugs. *Harding Press Room, Ohio Statehouse.*

Senate session – 1:30 p.m.

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5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – AFP-Ohio panel discussion on K-12 education: Americans for Prosperity-Ohio Coalitions Director Ezra Escudero and the Heartland Institute's Lennie Jarratt are set to lead a discussion coinciding with National School Choice Week 2018. *Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.*

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Straight From The Source

"Spare us the sermon, Rich. You took Bill Lager's money in 2006 and money from #ECOT's COO in 2008. 'For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.' Matthew 7:2"

- Stephanie Dodd, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Joe Schiavoni's running mate, responding to a tweet by Schiavoni's primary opponent Richard Cordray after the closure of the scandal-ridden Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow charter school. According to state campaign-finance records, ECOT founder Bill Lager donated \$500 to Cordray's campaign for state treasurer in September 2006; former ECOT COO Steven Sellers contributed \$100 to Cordray in October 2008.

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9:45 a.m. – Congressional redistricting overhaul hearing: The Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee will consider Senate Joint Resolution 5. *Finance Hearing Room, Senate Building.*

10 a.m. – Ohio Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education meeting. *17th floor, Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad St.*

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Reps. Ryan Smith and Dave Greenspan fundraiser: Cost ranges from \$500 to \$5,000. *Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.*

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The lawmakers will discuss legislation they believe will expand access to affordable prescription drugs. *Harding Press Room, Ohio Statehouse.*

Senate session – 1:30 p.m.

House session – 1:30 p.m.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – AFP-Ohio panel discussion on K-12 education: Americans for Prosperity-Ohio Coalitions Director Ezra Escudero and the Heartland Institute's Lennie Jarratt are set to lead a discussion coinciding with National School Choice Week 2018. *Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.*

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Straight From The Source

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- Stephanie Dodd, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Joe Schiavoni's running mate, responding to a tweet by Schiavoni's primary opponent Richard Cordray after the closure of the scandal-ridden Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow charter school. According to state campaign-finance records, ECOT founder Bill Lager donated \$500 to Cordray's campaign for state treasurer in September 2006; former ECOT COO Steven Sellers contributed \$100 to Cordray in October 2008.

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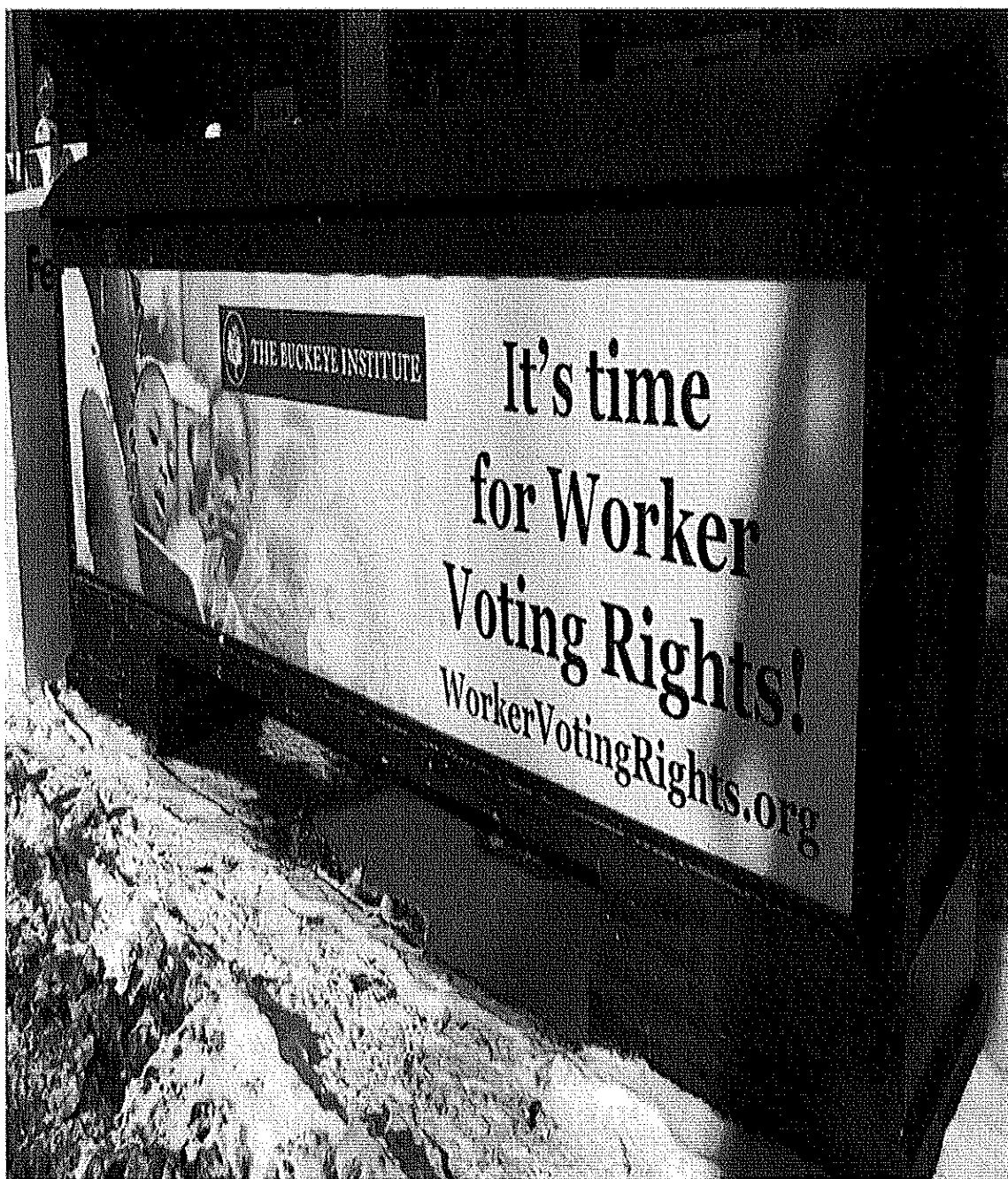
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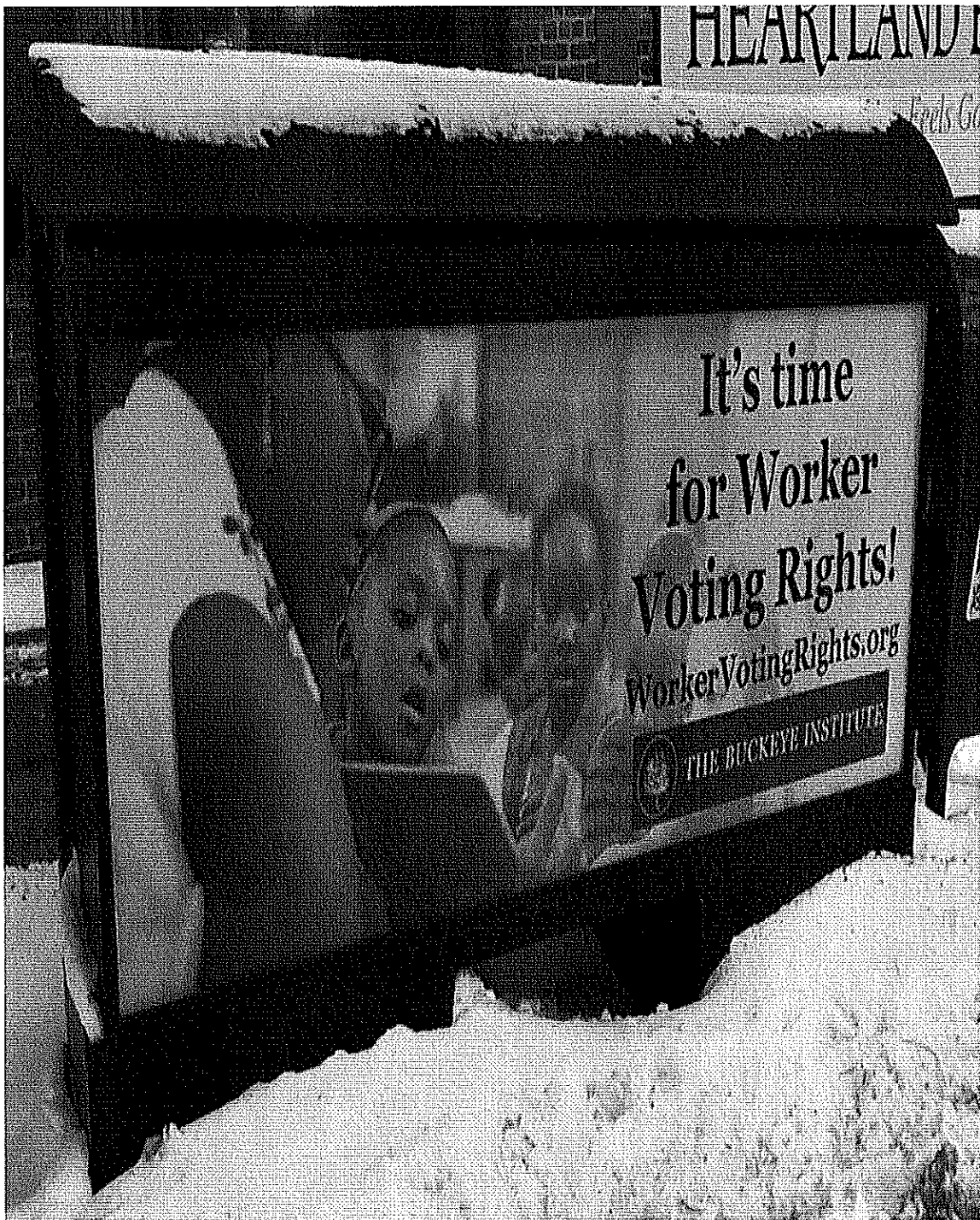
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OHIO PART OF STUDY TO REDUCE CHILD WELFARE WORKERS TURNOVER

Officials say Ohio is joining a national research project to reduce turnover among caseworkers in the child welfare field.



KASICH DISPUTES TAYLOR'S ASSERTION THEY HAVEN'T TALKED IN A YEAR

The office of Ohio Gov. John Kasich, and her own appointment calendar, dispute Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor's assertion that she has not talked to the governor in more than a year.

OHIO LAWMAKERS GOING AFTER PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

When Ohioans go to pharmacists for their prescriptions, they generally assume they'll be told the truth about the costs of their medicines.

NO REDISTRICTING VOTE WITHOUT CITIZENS COALITION SUPPORT, SENATE PRESIDENT SAYS

Unless a citizens coalition agrees with a legislative plan to revamp Ohio's congressional redistricting process, Senate President Larry Obhof said the Senate won't vote on the measure.

CLINTONVILLE ARCHITECT BECOMES LATEST TO RUN FOR TIBERI'S OLD SEAT

Yet another Republican has entered the race to replace Rep. Pat Tiberi.

CORDRAY WANTS TO BRING FIGHT FOR CONSUMERS TO OHIO

Richard Cordray just finished a five-year stint running the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but on Wednesday he said he is starting his fight for consumers in Ohio.

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Ohio is one of just 20 states that doesn't regulate electric bicycles, but that might be changing with new legislation.

NEW BILL CALLS FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY IN DRUG PRICES

A consumer protection bill introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives this week aims to increase transparency in prescription drug pricing.

RIDING A SKATEBOARD WHILE HOLDING A CAR COULD BECOME ILLEGAL IN OHIO

Grabbing the bumper or side of a moving car and hitching a ride while on a skateboard is not specifically illegal in Ohio — something some state lawmakers want to change.

TOOL WILL ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW THE MONEY IN OHIO POLITICS

If you want to know what's going on in politics, the old adage is: follow the money.

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ECOT STUDENTS RUSHING TO OTHER E-SCHOOLS BUT TRICKLING BACK TO DISTRICTS

Students from the just-closed ECOT online charter school have started to land in school districts and other charters, but the numbers remain low and it's too early to tell how well the process is working.

OHIO PAC SUPPORTING OHIO WOMEN CANDIDATES RAISES \$750,000

The Matriots, a statewide PAC supporting female candidates, started last year when a small group of Columbus-area neighbors, friends and acquaintances stood together at the Women's March on Washington and felt something big.

TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?

Republican state Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel have proposed a package of six constitutional amendments targeting how unions operate and are funded in Ohio.

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Senate Republicans on Wednesday delayed a vote on changes to the inherently political process by which Ohio redraws congressional districts.

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GOP gov race: No one wants Kasich's endorsement (Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/25/2018)

In Ohio, lives altered a year into Trump (Cincinnati Enquirer, 1/25/2018)

Ohio PAC supporting Ohio women candidates raises \$750,000 (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

Powerful opioids are easily sold through the Internet and shipped in the mail, investigation finds (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 1/25/2018)

Campaign cash: Who got how much from ECOT (Columbus Dispatch, 1/25/2018)

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High court: State's FirstEnergy refund order was improper (Toledo Blade, 1/25/2018)

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Guest Column from State Representatives

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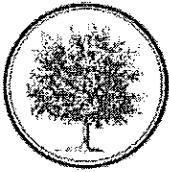
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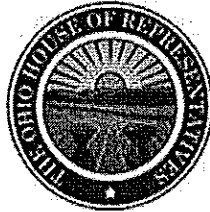
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Brad – above are the basic questions Margaret suggested for Riedel's Ohio in Focus tomorrow. I'll put these into the format we typically use, but wanted to give you a heads up.

Thanks,
Cora

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Farm and Dairy: Ohio Cattlemen's Association honors family farms

Ohio Rep. Brian Hill received the association's Industry Service Award. Hill, a longtime association member, raises beef cattle on his family farm in Muskingum County, and is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, after serving as a county commissioner for more than six years. ... "It's easy to go to Columbus to fight on your behalf," Hill told the cattlemen Saturday night.

Columbus Dispatch: State lawmakers vote to regulate 'e-bikes'

House Bill 250, introduced by Rep. Tom Brinkman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, would regulate electric bicycles, also called e-bikes, and hold them to many of the same standards as normal bicycles. ... "This new technology in e-bikes will allow more Ohioans to use our wonderful trail network, longer and later in life," Brinkman said.

Dayton Daily News: New bill calls for more transparency in drug prices

"Action is needed to address the rising prescription drug prices to protect Ohio consumers," said state Rep. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, one of the sponsors of House Bill 479. "Prescription drug pricing in its supply chain is complex and broke and needs to be scrutinized."

Alliance Review: State Rep. Christina Hagan shows support for emergency personnel

"I am honored to discuss legislative matters impacting our community leaders and safety services, and to work toward solutions with the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association," said Hagan. "I'm thankful for the daily sacrifices of all our Ohio firefighters and first responders."

WHAM: Mom pushes for change after 3 year old denied heart transplant due to Down syndrome

Miamisburg Representative Niraj Antani (R-District 42) is a primary sponsor of the bill and said, "They're told that they won't be able to follow the post operation regimen, their body won't be able to handle it, or that its implied that their life is less worthy and that's wrong."

Sandusky Register: State bill aims to plug orphan wells

"As the representative of a district that is very concerned with the harmful effects of human activity on the environment ... I was proud to co-sponsor House Bill 225," Arndt said. "This legislation will help homeowners that discover abandoned orphan wells on their properties to properly address them."

My Town NEO: Hudson boys cross country team recognized by Roegner, LaRose

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to win a state title," Roegner said. "Our Hudson Boys Cross Country Team won the Division I State Championship through steadfast dedication. With an average 3.99 GPA, they are incredible student athletes and have earned the admiration of the state of Ohio."

Columbus Dispatch: Ohio lawmakers going after pharmacy benefit managers

Reps. Scott Lipps, R-Franklin, and Thomas West, D-Canton, say pharmacy benefit management companies (PBMs) are issuing "gag orders" to keep pharmacists quiet about what could be cheaper medicines for their clients, and keeping the extra money for themselves — something the lawmakers hope to ban with new legislation, House Bill 479.

WKSU: Conservative lawmakers renew their push for Ohio to become a right-to-work state

Reps. John Becker and Craig Riedel say their bill would allow voters to decide whether Ohio should be a right-to-work state for public and private sector employees and would put limits on unions to collect dues and spend money on political ads. Riedel says Ohioans should decide this issue, once and for all.

Marion Online: Riordan McClain sworn in as State Representative of the 87th Ohio House District

"Riordan McClain's experience in the private sector and financial management will surely prove to be a valuable asset to our caucus," said Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville). ... "I accept this appointment and will be honored to serve Ohio's 87th House District as state representative. I am appreciative of all the support that I've received through this process and look to carry that forward into a successful term representing our shared values," said McClain.

Wilmington News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Business growth affirms healthy economy

The eighth consecutive year the state has experienced a record number of filings, new businesses have grown more than 46 percent since 2010. This continued progress is a

sure sign of economic health — when individuals are thriving and feel comfortable, they are able to invest in establishing their own business.

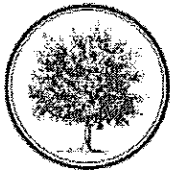
Portsmouth Daily Times: Rep. Johnson honors 'Burg with state resolution

Ohio State Representative Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) honored the Wheelersburg Pirates' football program for its state championship run back in the fall.

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As Capital Budget Season Begins, Buckeye's Newest Report Outlines Principles to Guide Government Spending

Recommends Using Capital Budget on Physical and Democratic Infrastructure Needs

Columbus, OH -- As the Ohio General Assembly prepares to consider the 2018 capital budget, **The Buckeye Institute** released its most recent report, ***Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans***. The report outlines three principles policymakers should use in spending taxpayer dollars and recommends using the 2018 capital budget to strengthen Ohio's physical and democratic infrastructure.

"As the 2018 capital budget process begins, it is important for policymakers to be guided by three spending principles: constrain the growth of state government, eliminate corporate and special interest welfare, and focus spending on the core functions of state government,"

said **Greg R. Lawson**, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute and co-author of the report. "By following these principles, Ohio policymakers will ensure they are wisely spending taxpayer dollars and are putting the state on the road to growth and prosperity."

In its report, Buckeye outlines three principles that should guide government spending:

- **Constrain the Growth of State Government** -- Large governments inhibit economic growth and prosperity and Ohio should look for ways to decrease the size of government, rather than giving it more control.
- **Eliminate Corporate and Special Interest Welfare** -- The government should not use taxpayer dollars to subsidize companies or special interests. Crony capitalism does not drive economic growth, nor is it a responsible use of taxpayer dollars.
- **Focus Spending on the Core Functions of State Government** -- Non-essential spending needs to be curtailed. Government spending limits the ability of policymakers to embrace free-market reforms that will benefit the economic growth and prosperity of Ohio.

The report's authors go on to recommend that policymakers focus state resources on physical infrastructure needs -- roads, bridges, sewer lines, water pipes, water treatment facilities, schools, and other state government facilities -- and on the state's democratic infrastructure needs -- voting machines, systems to maintain voter rolls, and systems we use to count and protect votes.

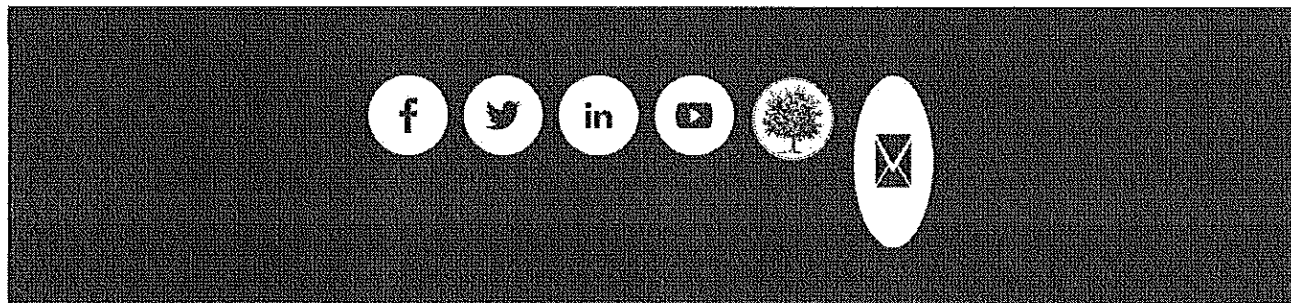
"While the specific ways in which we build and maintain Ohio's infrastructure are subject to debate, what isn't debatable is what taxpayer dollars should be spent on," said **Quinn Beeson**, an economic policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's **Economic Research Center** and co-author of the report. "Ohio's policymakers should use the capital budget on physical and democratic infrastructure rather than feel-good projects that could, and should, be funded through private means."

Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans was co-authored by Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute and Quinn Beeson, an economic policy analyst at The Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Janine Boyd and Representative Kristin Boggs
DATE: February 5, 2018
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Family and Medical Leave

We will soon introduce legislation to create the Ohio Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Today we chose to send this co-sponsor request as this date marks the 25th anniversary of FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act). This legislation will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. So far five states—California, New Jersey, New York, Hawaii and Rhode Island offer some sort of paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a

claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

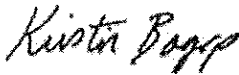
An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dominic Paretti, at 614-644-5079 or via email at Dominic.Paretti@OhioHouse.Gov and Serena Finlay, 614-466-1896 or via email at Serena.Finlay@OhioHouse.Gov. **The deadline to co-sponsor is Friday, March 9 at 4:00pm.**



Janine Boyd
State Representative, Ohio House District 09



Kristin Boggs
State Representative, Ohio House District 18

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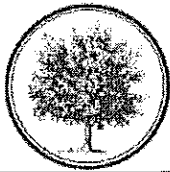
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In a piece for *The Columbus Dispatch*, Buckeye's Daniel J. Dew calls out suspect polling being used by the American Bail Coalition to claim that people oppose bail reform.

Reputable polling, conducted and released using professional industry standards, shows 85 percent of people favor replacing cash bail with supervised release.

The Columbus Dispatch

Ohioans really support bail reform

The Columbus Dispatch

Letter to the Editor

February 4, 2018

In his Jan. 26 op-ed, Jeffrey J. Clayton, executive director of the American Bail Coalition, touted a poll that claims Ohioans reject bail reform. Unfortunately, the poll's sample size of 100 people more closely resembled a "Family Feud" survey than a scientific study. At a minimum, the coalition should release the questions asked, the margin of error and whether the poll meets standards recommended by the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Just last month, a national poll using industry standards found that 85 percent of people favored replacing cash bail with supervised release, especially in cases where the defendant does not pose a threat to society.

The outcomes from jurisdictions that have moved away from money bail and are using verified risk-assessment tools speak for themselves. In those jurisdictions, less crime is being committed by those awaiting trial, more defendants are showing up for court and defendants who enjoy the presumption of innocence can keep their jobs and support their families.

Whether the goal is public safety, fairness for the poor or saving taxpayer money, "the survey says" ... reform bail.

Daniel J. Dew
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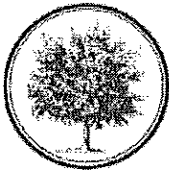
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The Buckeye Institute Calls for the Protection of Taxpayers and Free Speech

Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute has joined a coalition of more than 100 organizations calling on Congress to protect taxpayers and their First Amendment rights to confidentially give to charitable organizations without the fear of intimidation (**Read the letter here**).

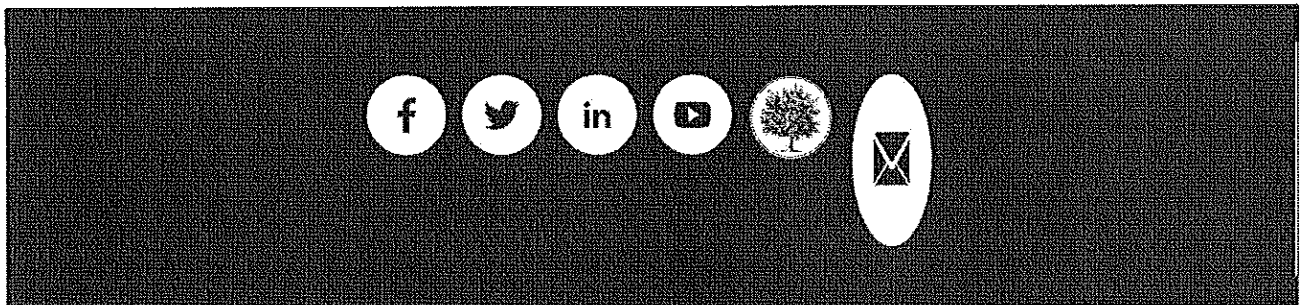
"Sadly, Americans have been intimidated, harassed, and even threatened for their political and religious beliefs, which should never happen in this country," said **Robert Alt**, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "Americans have a First Amendment right to join, support, and speak collectively through organizations without being put on a government list that is vulnerable to hackers and leaking to extremists who refuse to tolerate opposing views."

The coalition sent a letter to Congress calling for the elimination of the 990 Schedule B form requirement for 501(c) organizations, which is a mandatory IRS form that lists names and addresses of donors who give to private charities and other 501(c) organizations. Although the IRS is legally prohibited from using the information collected, the retention of this information, as the letter highlights, has resulted in intimidation and harassment of donors.

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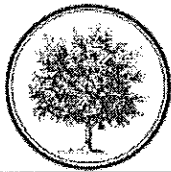
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By now you've seen our **outdoor ads** and read about our **Worker Voting Rights** campaign to empower public employees with the voting rights they deserve.

Yesterday, Robert Alt, our president and CEO, had a **piece published in *The Hill*** arguing that it is time to give public employees the right to vote on the union that represents them at the bargaining table. Robert writes,

"But without a vote through which members can choose their own union, today's public-sector employees are rendered mute and unable to have a meaningful opportunity to select a new union or hold their current union accountable if it fails to meet expectations or protect its workers' interests."

It is hard to be opposed to giving people the right to vote, but unfortunately entrenched interests insist that our hard-working civil servants "simply wear the hand-me-down unions that their foremothers and fathers passed down from the Johnson and Carter years."

As Robert writes, "It is time for unions to embrace their democratic heritage and support their own members' right to vote. It is time for all of us to join together to create more

perfect unions. It is time for public employees to have a voice and a choice. It is time for worker voting rights."



Hand-me-down unions don't work for current workers

The Hill

By Robert Alt

February 8, 2018

This opinion piece appeared in The Hill, you can read the full piece [here](#).

The recent issue over a potential federal government shutdown reminded us that Americans rely on our public employees to provide and maintain important services across the country.

Federal, state, local or public-sector employees are too often represented by hand-me-down labor unions that current workers inherited from government employees of a bygone era.

Historically, labor unions have played a significant role in fighting for both workers' rights and fair representation at the bargaining table.

Labor unions laid the foundation for the democratic rights of marginalized minorities when black workers formed the Colored National Labor Union in 1869, 14 months before blacks secured the right to vote.

Thirty-five years later, the American Women's Trade Union launched a successful campaign for women's suffrage. Those bottom-up victories stand in stark contrast to today's top-down operation of unions that are now denying their own members the right to vote.

Unfortunately, union leaders who once fought so hard for democratic rights and representation have refused to recognize voting rights for their own members.

Rather than allow today's union members to have a real voice and a choice, entrenched labor leaders insist that these public-sector employees simply wear the hand-me-down unions that their foremothers and fathers passed down from the Johnson and Carter years.

In fact, **94 percent of current union members have never had the opportunity to vote** for which union will negotiate their pay, benefits, hours, and working conditions on their behalf.

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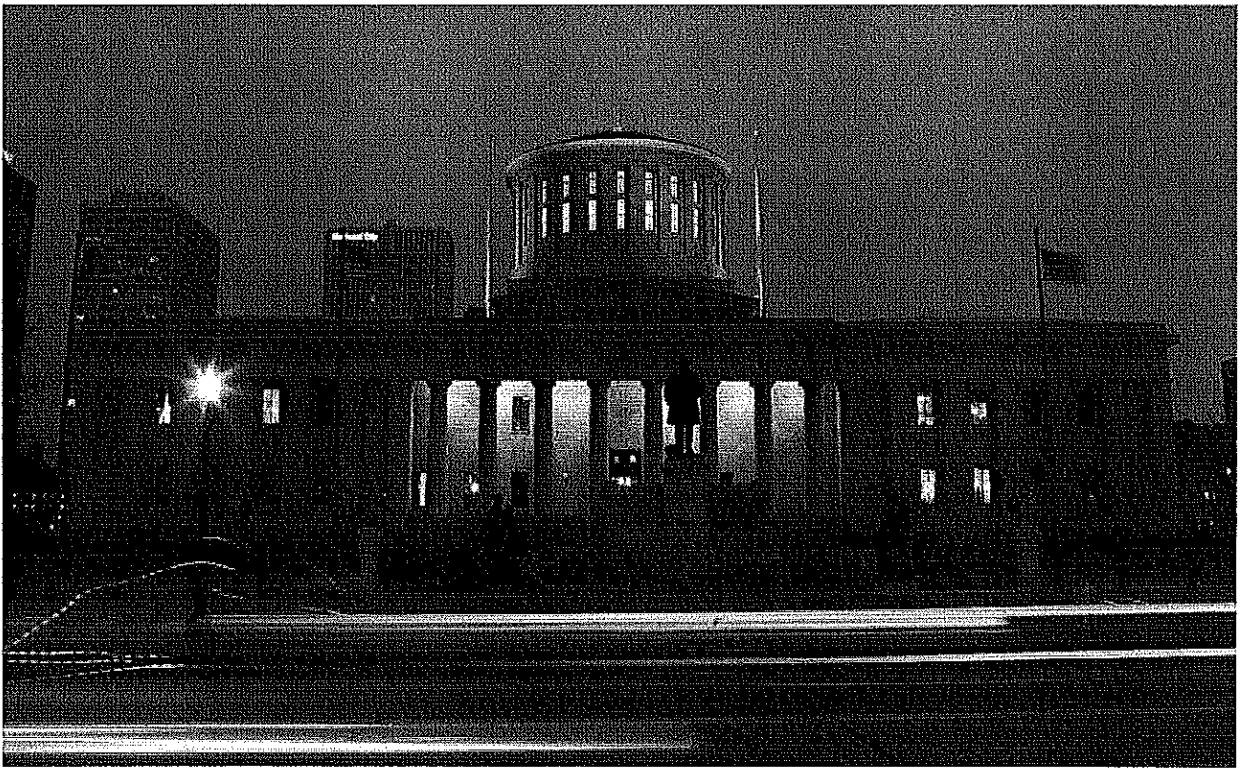
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Rotunda Rumblings

Taxing issue: Almost every year, the General Assembly updates state tax law to reflect tweaks the federal government makes to the IRS code. But

with Congress having recently overhauled the tax law, Ohio Senate Bill 22 – which has incorporated previous smaller changes – may be amended Tuesday to follow the federal changes. Sponsor Sen. Bob Peterson said the biggest change will be requiring the Ohio Department of Taxation to start tracking dependents, since the federal government will no longer do it for the state. The personal and dependent exemption is going away.

Phone ahead: The House Public Utilities Committee on Tuesday may approve a substitute bill for, then wave ahead a bipartisan telecom deregulation bill designed to help local telephone companies. House Bill 402, as currently written, would allow local telephone companies to merge without state approval, permit base rate hikes of up to 20 percent per year, and no longer mandate that phone companies pay triple damages for violations. The legislation follows an Ohio Telecom Association report showing local phone companies in the state have lost 80 percent of their landline customers since 2000 as mobile phone use has skyrocketed.

Hagan's 'disgraceful' tweet: State Rep. Christina Hagan angered Republicans across the state with a racially loaded Sunday night tweet. "Armando Gonzalez and 2 other suspects have been charged in illegal immigrant drug ring," Hagan wrote, attaching an article about an alleged drug-trafficking ring in Butler County. One of the three suspects identified in the story is actually named Armando Gonzalez-Rosas. People immediately took note of Hagan's selective editing and inclusion of his name, since her opponent in the GOP primary for Ohio's 16th Congressional District is Anthony Gonzalez. Cleveland-area Tea Party activist Ralph King called the tweet in "poor taste." Ohio Right to Life's Mike Gonidakis called it "embarrassing and disgraceful."

Abortion politics: The Ohio Right to Life PAC announced Monday it will endorse Republican Attorney General Mike DeWine for governor, in part for his "fierce defense" of many of the Ohio's recent anti-abortion legislation. The PAC will decide later how much it will contribute to his campaign. DeWine's GOP opponent Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor questioned DeWine's anti-abortion record when he was in Congress.

Labor movement: Since lawmakers introduced six proposed constitutional amendments favoring "right to work" over labor unions, left-leaning

organizations have been crafting a response, which will be announced at a Tuesday press conference. Policy Matters Ohio and ProgressOhio will hit back with 10 ideas they will argue create security, stability and prosperity for workers. Joining them will be a Wright State University economics professor and a Cincinnati firefighter.

Art House: State officials are set on Tuesday to hold a public unveiling of the first piece of non-portrait art in the last 59 years to be put on permanent display in the Statehouse. The painting "Greeting Lincoln," from the artist Pamela Patrick White, depicts President-elect Abraham Lincoln addressing a joint session of the Ohio legislature on February 13, 1861. The painting will be hung in the hallway outside the House chamber.

Out for the week: The Ohio Senate has no voting sessions or committee meetings scheduled this week. Senate President Larry Obhof's spokesman said the chamber met three times last week as it worked on adopting the congressional redistricting proposal, and senators will continue to work behind the scenes on the capital budget.

Whip it good: Ken Harbaugh, the Democrat hoping to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs, has landed a big name for his fundraiser next Monday: U.S. House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer. The event, set to be held at former Ohio Democratic Party Chair Chris Redfern's winery in Marblehead, is fairly cheap to attend: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple (kids free).

Stories We're Talking About

Buzzkill: Auditor Dave Yost found what he called a "critical flaw" in the state's grading system for medical marijuana grow applications, reports cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt. A password flaw allowed two Ohio Department of Commerce employees unfettered access to the application grading system, giving them the ability to change the scores of grower applications. "Because of this critical flaw in the procedure's design, neither this office, nor the public, can rely upon the cultivator application results," Yost said in a letter obtained by Borchardt.

Legalize it: That's what proponents of a ballot initiative hope to do during the November election. The Statehouse News Bureau's Jo Ingles reports the group backing the "all-out" marijuana legalization effort may introduce it in the next couple of weeks.

Budget woes: Cleveland.com's Stephen Koff and Sabrina Eaton report that President Donald Trump's proposed budget would cut money for hiring cops, transportation, food assistance and Lake Erie cleanup while increasing money for combating opioid abuse. And, per The Plain Dealer's Grant Segall, the budget would give a boost to NASA's Glenn Research Center.

ECOT up: The state school board decided Monday to recover more than \$19 million from ECOT, The Plain Dealer's Patrick O'Donnell reports. The vote affirmed earlier findings by the Department of Education and doesn't add money to the \$80 million ECOT has been reported to owe the state.

Overdoses: Ohio's overdose problem is getting worse, writes the Columbus Dispatch's Randy Ludlow. Drug overdose rates climbed 39 percent, making it the third-largest increase among all the states.

The Big D: If you're looking for the place with the fastest job growth in the state, you'll have to look outside Cleveland (0.2 percent), Columbus (1.4 percent) and Cincinnati (0.4 percent). As the Dayton Daily News reports, employment in the Dayton metro area grew 2.8 percent between December 2016 and December 2017.

Full Disclosure

Five things we learned from Cleveland Democrat Sen. Sandra Williams' May 12 financial disclosure statement:

1. in addition to earning \$65,584 in the Senate in 2016, she earned \$1,000 to \$9,999 as a professor at Cleveland State University.
2. She owed at least \$1,000 each to Credit Union of Ohio, Third Federal Bank, Federal Loan Servicing Center, Capital One, Wells Fargo, Katzel (whom she identified as a dentist), Sam's Club, Ann Taylor, Dillard's, Home

Shopping Network and Charter One.

3. She racked up \$6,573.84 in mileage between home and Columbus.

4. Community Blight Solutions paid for dinner worth \$214.94 when she was in Israel – a \$1,127.39 trip that the Jewish Federation of North America paid for.

5. In addition to Israel, Williams also went on trips paid for by the Urban Agriculture Academy (\$1,000), Women in Government (\$1,450), the German Marshall Fund (\$450) and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (\$500).

On The Move

Trevor L. Brown has been named the inaugural executive director of the newly created State of Ohio Leadership Institute, created last year to provide training and education to elected officials. Brown will continue to serve as dean of Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Tod Bowen has been hired as the Ohio Restaurant Association's new managing director of sales and growth. Bowen previously was founder/president of New Century Solutions, a political consulting and fundraising firm with ties to Gov. John Kasich.

What's Going On

10 a.m. – Ohio Attorney General's Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness. *Board Room, State Library of Ohio, 274 East First Ave.*

10:30 a.m. – U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan news conference: The Youngstown-area Democrat plans to meet with the media after touring Camp Ravenna's Joint Military Training Center. *Camp Ravenna, 8451 State Route 5, Ravenna.*

11 a.m. – Policy Matters Ohio to release policy recommendations: The liberal group plans to issue a report titled "A new way forward: 10 ways to

support Ohio's working people." *ProgressOhio Offices, Second Floor Conference Room, Suite 404, 35 East Gay St.*

11 a.m. – Ohio Statehouse to unveil historic painting of Lincoln. *The Hall of the Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Statehouse.*

Noon – Black History Month performance: The 45-minute show will feature Paisha Thomas performing "Stories and Songs of the Black Experience." *Atrium, Ohio Statehouse.*

1:30 p.m. – House Criminal Justice Committee: The committee may amend House Bill 355, which would expressly ban "sexting" in Ohio by people younger than 21. *Room 114, Ohio Statehouse.*

3 p.m. – House Public Utilities Committee: The panel may adopt a substitute bill for and vote to report House Bill 402, a deregulation bill for local telephone companies. *Room 116, Ohio Statehouse.*

5 to 7 p.m. – Ohio Council of County Officials' legislative reception: Open to all lawmakers. *Atrium, Ohio Statehouse.*

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Ohio House Democratic Caucus Mardi Gras Party: Sponsor levels range from \$50 to \$2,500. *Rambling House Soda, 310 E. Hudson St.*

6 p.m. – Jon Husted to speak in Holmes County: The secretary of state and candidate for lieutenant governor is slated to keynote the Holmes County GOP's Lincoln Day Dinner. *Carlisle Village Inn, 4949 Walnut St., Walnut Creek.*

Birthdays

Rep. Bill Patmon
Kelly Kefauver, Ohio Senate Democrats' policy adviser

Straight From The Source

"We must not allow a political regulatory scheme to close Toledo's remaining abortion clinic. Its absence would not diminish the number of abortions but would increase the injury and death of women in my home city and state. Democracy begins with each person's control of his or her own body. Without reproductive freedom, there is no democracy for America women."

- Feminist leader and Toledo native Gloria Steinem, in a statement on Monday after the Ohio Supreme Court upheld a state order to shutter Capital Care.

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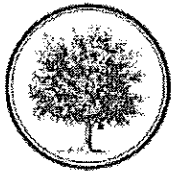
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New Buckeye Institute Policy Brief Highlights the Problems with Government-Owned Broadband Networks

Columbus, OH -- In The Buckeye Institute's most recent policy brief, *Broadband "GON" Wrong: Remembering Why Government-Owned Broadband Networks Are Bad for Taxpayers*, Greg R. Lawson looks at the problems with government-owned and run networks and their high cost to taxpayers.

"Government-owned networks have been springing up across the nation for years and Ohio is no stranger to these government-owned and controlled projects that unfairly compete with the private sector," said **Greg R. Lawson**, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute. "While these GONs might seem alluring, they frequently fail to live up to the promises made by government officials, and have often led to taxpayer subsidization to maintain operations."

In the paper, Lawson looks at two Ohio case studies, the City of Lebanon and Medina County. The network in Lebanon was plagued with problems almost from the start, as was outlined in a **Buckeye report** in 2006, and was eventually sold to Cincinnati Bell at a loss. Unfortunately, Medina County did not heed the warning signs that Lebanon's experience offered, and according to the Medina County Port Authority's chief operating officer, a mere 140 customers are connected to the network and the county commissioners have already had to subsidize the network twice to the tune of \$1.6 million.

Lawson also outlines a number of problems with government-owned networks, most notably the high cost to taxpayers and the poor service provided, which were highlighted in a **University of Pennsylvania Law School report**. The study found that in the 20 GONs it reviewed, 11 generated a negative cash flow, and of the nine cash-flow positive projects, five of them would take more than 100 years to recover their costs while two would take more than 60 years.

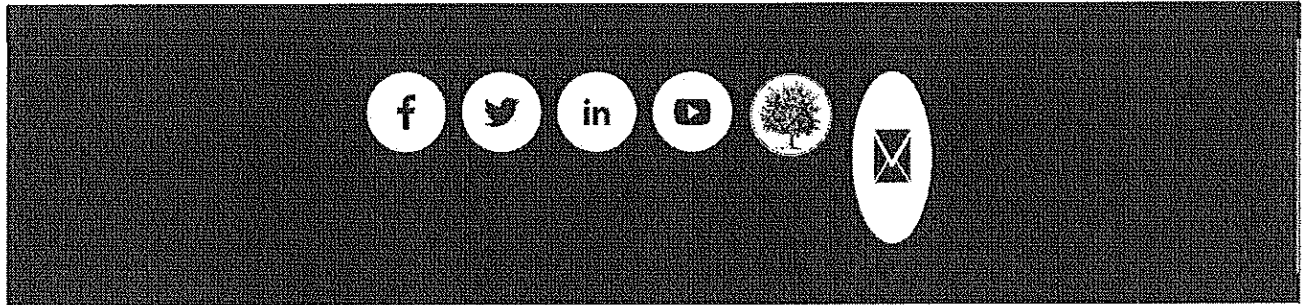
"Ohio's state and local policymakers should take a long hard look at broadband "GON" wrong in the City of Lebanon and Medina County before venturing into new government-owned networks," Lawson stated in the paper. "Local governments should focus their money and attention on providing their citizens with safe roads and drinking water, and let the private sector worry about adding new internet users."

Broadband "GON" Wrong: Remembering Why Government-Owned Broadband Networks Are Bad for Taxpayers was authored by Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.

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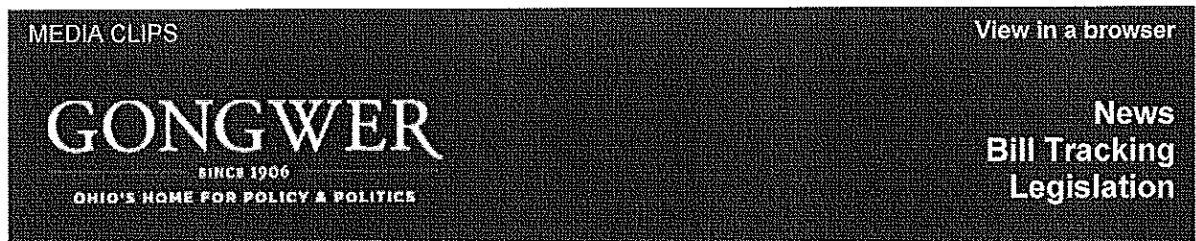
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**Ohio considers raising child marriage age after DDN investigation  
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**ECOT asks high court to restore its funding (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2018)**

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### **HOSPITAL PACT MIGHT SAVE TOLEDO ABORTION CLINIC**

A hospital system has authorized a patient-transfer agreement to keep the last abortion clinic in Toledo operating.



### **PILLICH TO LEAVE RACE FOR GOVERNOR, BACK CORDRAY**

Only one of the original Democrats running for governor will still be in the race after Wednesday.

### **OHIO WANTS TO REQUIRE THOSE ON MEDICAID TO GET A JOB**

Thousands of Ohioans soon might need to find a job or lose their Medicaid health insurance.

### **KASICH CHOSEN TO ADDRESS GRADUATES OF KENNEDY SCHOOL IN MAY**

Gov. Kasich will address the 2018 graduates of the Harvard Kennedy School in May, the dean of the school said Tuesday.

### **CHIEF JUSTICE ON ECOT CLAIM FOR STATE MONEY: 'HOW IS THAT NOT ABSURD?'**

As ECOT attorney Marion Little finished his arguments for why, under the law, the online school should get full funding for students even if they only log in once a month and do no work, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor interjected.

### **KASICH POSTPONES FOREIGN TRIP TO ATTEND OFFICERS' FUNERAL IN WESTERVILLE**

Long-time Westerville resident Gov. John Kasich is postponing a foreign trade trip to attend the Friday funeral of two police officers slain in his hometown on Saturday.

### **A FIFTH OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NEED HELP TO EARN A DIPLOMA THIS YEAR**

Less than five months from graduation, one out of five Ohio high school seniors still wouldn't qualify for a diploma under more-stringent state standards — requirements that at least temporarily have been softened to avert just such a crisis.

### **NEW REPORT FROM PRO-LABOR GROUP PANS RIGHT-TO-WORK PROPOSALS**

In the wake of proposed right-to-work amendments by Republican lawmakers, a newly released report is recommending politicians can support Ohio workers by backing off of regulating unions.

**Dayton Daily News**  
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### **OHIO CONSIDERS RAISING CHILD MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DDN INVESTIGATION**

An investigation by the Dayton Daily News into child marriage is prompting state lawmakers to introduce a bill that would bump up the legal marriage age to 18 for both males and females and allow 17-year-olds to marry with court approval.

### **VICIOUS DOGS: OHIO MOVES TO CHANGE LAWS ON DOG OWNERS**

Four years after the gruesome attack that killed Dayton resident Klonda Richey, state lawmakers are taking a double barrel approach to finally putting more teeth in the state's vicious dog laws.

### **CINCINNATI DEMOCRAT CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO LEAVE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Former state representative Connie Pillich — the last woman leading a Democratic ticket for governor — is expected to drop out of the race and endorse former attorney general Rich Cordray on Wednesday, sources close to the campaign said.

## **THE PLAIN DEALER**

### **OHIO'S CHARTER SCHOOL QUALITY CRACKDOWN CLAIMS A BIG-CITY VICTIM - THE CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ohio's push to improve charter school quality has booted a major city school district - the Cincinnati Public Schools - out of the charter school business.

### **CONNIE PILLICH EXPECTED TO DROP OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RACE**

Connie Pillich, the lone remaining Democratic woman running for governor in what was supposed to be the "year of the woman," will drop out of the race Wednesday to endorse Richard Cordray, according to two Democratic sources.

### **ECOT FUNDING QUESTIONED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: "HOW IS IT NOT ABSURD?"**

Ohio Supreme Court justices were wary this morning of how the ECOT online charter school wants to be funded as the school and Ohio Department of Education pleaded their cases to the court.

**UNCONSCIONABLE FAILURE BY OHIO JUSTICES O'DONNELL, DeWINE TO  
RECUSE IN ECOT CASE AFTER TAKING THOUSANDS IN CAMPAIGN DOLLARS:**

**EDITORIAL**

The seven-member Ohio Supreme Court is hearing arguments this morning in a case whose outcome may kill or revive the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, or ECOT, the online charter school that shut down last month.

## **THE ENQUIRER**

**CONNIE PILLICH TO END GUBERNATORIAL BID; ENDORSE CORDRAY. WAS THE  
LONE FEMALE DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE**

In the so-called "year of the woman," the sole female in the Democratic race for governor will bow out to endorse former Consumer Financial Protection Bureau director Richard Cordray.

**DEMOCRAT KATHY WYENANDT FILES TO RUN IN OHIO 52ND DISTRICT**

Democrat Kathy Wyenandt is challenging Republican George Lang for his Ohio House seat.

## **THE BLADE**

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**ECOT ASKS HIGH COURT TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING**

Clinging to hope of reopening its virtual doors, what was once Ohio's largest online school on Tuesday urged the Ohio Supreme Court to halt state efforts to claw back tens of millions in past aid.

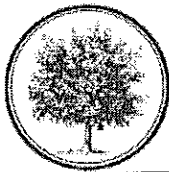
**PILLICH TO DROP OHIO GOVERNOR BID**

Another Democratic candidate for governor will drop out of the race Wednesday and throw her support to Richard Cordray for the party's nomination.

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## THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

### New Reason Foundation Study Offers Another Reason to Keep Capital Budget Focused on Infrastructure

By Greg R. Lawson  
February 16, 2018

A newly-released report from the Reason Foundation, reinforces the need for state policymakers to keep the soon-to-be-released capital budget focused on repairing and building Ohio's physical infrastructure. Something The Buckeye Institute recently called for in our own report, *Principled Spending: Using Ohio's Capital Budget to Benefit Ohioans*.

The Reason Foundation's 23rd Annual Highway Report found that Ohio ranked 26th in the nation in highway performance and cost-effectiveness. Not a great ranking for the country's seventh largest state with the ninth largest highway system.

And when you get into the details, the rankings don't get much better. Ohio ranked:

- 20th in deficient bridges;

- 27th in urban Interstate pavement condition;
- 23rd in urbanized area congestion;
- 28th in rural Interstate pavement condition; and
- 17th in rural arterial pavement condition.

The good news is state policymakers have an opportunity to address this problem and can do so without having to spend vast amounts of additional dollars.

By re-focusing the portion of the capital budget typically spent on pork projects and instead spending it on repairing Ohio's roads and bridges we can begin to reverse these lackluster rankings. That will put Ohio, and Ohioans, back in the fast lane.

*Greg R. Lawson is the research fellow at The Buckeye Institute.*

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## Honoring Our Local Heroes

As the state representative for Ottawa and Erie counties, it is important for me to take the time to honor and remember our local fallen heroes. Senator Randy Gardner and I worked on [Senate Bill 134](#), legislation that was recently passed into law, which among other namings, recognizes local two military members that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Through



this legislation, a portion of Benton-Carroll Road, between Ohio 163 and West Bier Road on the end of Benton Township will be renamed in honor of U.S. Army Sgt. Glen Millinger of Oak Harbor. He gave his life in 1969 during the Vietnam War.

Sgt. Jordan Marshall was an Army paratrooper who died unexpectedly on Oct. 30, 2016, while stationed at Ft. Carson Colorado. A portion of Ohio 19, between West Bier Road and North Rail Street, will be renamed in his honor. Whenever I drive on these memorial highways I will take pause and remember the sacrifice that these men give for our country and hope you do the same. I take pride in honoring our local heroes and ensuring their legacy is not forgotten.

## **Remembering Kelley's Island Citizen Henry T. Beatty**

A new picnic area in Kelley's Island State Park was named in honor of Henry T. Beatty, also through Senate Bill 134. Mr. Beatty was instrumental in the establishment of the Kelley's Island we know and love today. His civic contributions were many, including serving as president of the Kelley's Island Economic Development Commission and mayor of Kelley's Island. Mr. Beatty's final project was the establishment of the Kelley's Island State Park. In his later years, he served as the State Park's First Park Ranger and Administrator.

## **New License Plate Options**

Senate Bill 134 also creates a license plate for the Ohio Cross National Guard Award and the Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. The Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross award is only given to a select few—military service members who have performed an act of extraordinary bravery while on the job. This license plate would be available to anyone who has been awarded the Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross Medal, which is granted to service members of the Ohio National Guard who exude voluntary acts of courage and are above and beyond the call of duty. It contains an illustration of the Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross and features the words, "Ohio Cross Medal Recipient." I am proud that Ohio now has a license plate to recognize this honor.

The Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge license plate is designed by the Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Part of the proceeds collected from the plates will be used for